

Senate Resolution 705

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Certification of Building Inspectors and Code
2 Enforcement Officials; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the education and training of individuals involved in the administration,
4 enforcement, and development of building codes and related ordinances will promote safety
5 to life, health, and property; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia needs to create a better public understanding and
7 appreciation of the proper administration of building codes and related ordinances and their
8 importance to the health, safety, welfare, and prosperity of municipalities and counties; and

9 WHEREAS, the promotion of high standards of efficiency in the administration of building
10 codes and related ordinances through continuous education and training will improve the
11 professionalism of building inspection officials and related code enforcement officers; and

12 WHEREAS, the state needs to develop courses of instruction singularly or in cooperation
13 with recognized educational institutions to promote proper interpretations, enforcement, and
14 administration of building codes and related ordinances; and

15 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the state to assist Georgia municipalities and counties
16 to organize and maintain adequate building inspection departments, building codes, and
17 related ordinances; and

18 WHEREAS, there is a need for a uniform, effective, and efficient certification program for
19 county and municipal building inspectors and code enforcement officials; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia needs to study the best method of providing this program of
21 certification.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is hereby created
23 the Senate Study Committee on the Certification of Building Inspectors and Code
24 Enforcement Officials to be composed of five members of the Senate who shall be appointed
25 by the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall designate a member of the
26 Senate who shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call
27 of the chairperson.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
29 needs, issues, and problems as described above and recommend any actions or legislation
30 that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such
31 meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable
32 it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the
33 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive
34 allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall
35 receive the same for not more than three days unless additional days are authorized by the
36 Lieutenant Governor. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall
37 come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event that the committee makes a
38 report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any,
39 such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2009. The committee shall stand
40 abolished on December 31, 2009.